

Golf Cart/UTV Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I ride my Golf Cart/UTV anywhere in Genoa?

A: Golf Carts/UTV's will be restricted to City Streets/Alleys only. They will only be able to cross Main Street (Rt72) and Sycamore Road (Rt23), and are not allowed to operate on the State Highways. They will have to obey all traffic regulations while operating on City Streets/Alleys. They will not be allowed on any City Street with a speed limit greater than 35 mph. They will not be allowed on walk paths that are not paved within the City.

Q: Where do I go register my Golf Cart/UTV?

A: Applications/fees will be processed by City Hall and forwarded to the Police Department. The Police Department will then contact you to schedule the safety inspection.

Q: Do I pay the fee first before the inspection?

A: Yes, the \$75-dollar annual registration fee will be due when the application is submitted.

Q: Where does the registration sticker get placed on the Golf Cart/UTV?

A: The officer will place the sticker on the rear driver's side of the Golf Cart/UTV.

Q: Can I modify my Golf Cart/UTV?

A: Yes, provided it passes an inspection and is determined to be safe for the road.

Q: Can I drive my Golf Cart/UTV to the Dollar General?

A: No, they will not be allowed to travel on Main Street (Rt72) or Sycamore Road (Rt23).

Q: Can I drive my Golf Cart/UTV along the railroad tracks?

A: No. Any vehicle operating along the RR tracks would be trespassing and will be cited.

Q: Who can operate a Golf Cart/UTV?

A: Anyone that has valid driver's license and has signed the release.

Q: Do the backseat passengers need to wear seatbelts?

A: Yes, all occupants of a Golf Cart/UTV traveling on City Streets must wear a seatbelt.

Q: Can I park my Golf Cart/UTV in a handicap space?

A: If you have a valid handicap decal/hangar you may park in a handicap space if the space is located on a City Street. Parking on Main Street is prohibited.

Q: Can I operate my Golf Cart/UTV at night?

A: Yes, if your Golf Cart/UTV is equipped with the proper equipment per the ordinance.

Q: Do I have to have insurance on my Golf Cart/UTV?

A: Yes, Illinois requires all vehicles operating on any public street to at least have liability insurance a copy of the insurance card is required.

Q: I live just outside the City of Genoa; may I drive my Golf Cart/UTV into the City from my house?

A: No, The City of Genoa has an ordinance authorizing the use of Golf Carts/UTV's to operate on City Streets/Alleys only.

Q: Can I park my Golf Cart/UTV on Main Street?

A: No, they are only allowed to cross Main Street and must be parked on a City Street.

Q: Can I drive my Golf Cart/UTV from Riverbend to the downtown area?

A: Yes, by traveling along the paved portions of the trails to get to Madison Street. All Golf Carts/UTV's must yield to pedestrians and not exceed 5 mph on the paved trails.

Q: Is there an age limit for passengers?

A: No, however the same rules apply to car seats for children in the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Q: Can I use my Golf Cart/UTV to visit an establishment that serves alcohol within the downtown?

A: Yes, provided the driver is not impaired and is not transporting any unsealed alcoholic beverages. The driver must also park on a side City Street and not on Main Street.

Q: Can I have a trailer attached to my Golf Cart/UTV?

A: Yes, provided the trailer has the proper lighting.

Q: Can I operate my Golf Cart/UTV in the winter?

A: Yes, if properly equipped to handle the weather.

Q: Does my Golf Cart/UTV need a windshield?

A: No, provided you have side rear-view mirrors.

Q: Does the City offer temporary visitor passes for friends visiting out of the City who wish to bring their own Golf Cart/UTV?

A: No, all Golf Carts/UTV's must be registered with the City before operating on City Streets.

Q: Is there an extra fee for another driver to sign a release waiver?

A: No, there is only a fee for the registration of the Golf Cart/UTV.